

## **Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting**

Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room

4:15-5:45 p.m., June 5, 2013

### ***Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:***

#### ***Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:***

David Foster, Susan Estes, Ken Lee, John McKay, Cindy Miles, Randy Oliver, Richard Ranzau, Gary Schmitt.

#### ***Attendance - Project Staff:***

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

### **1. Welcome and Introductions -**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Barber. Ken Lee introduced himself as a new member representing the Sedgwick County Association of Cities. Barber indicated that Sue Erwin is resigning from the Committee due to a change in her employment.

### **2. Review and Discussion of Proposed Scenario Development Tools -**

MAPD staff and Committee members discussed a proposed scenario development and evaluation matrix developed by staff to assist the Committee in developing/evaluating future 2035 community infrastructure investment scenarios for Wichita. Each scenario developed by the Committee needs to reflect a unique spatial distribution of future housing units and jobs projected for Wichita and its urban growth area through 2035.

The scenario development and evaluation matrix is intended to help the Committee evaluate the pros and cons of each scenario in regards to its impact on future public infrastructure investment requirements and costs. Committee members pointed out that there are fixed costs, capacities and conditions associated with Wichita's existing infrastructure regardless of what future scenarios are developed.

To help the Committee in its assessment of the matrix, staff presented a map illustrating the current growth scenario contained in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. This effectively represents a baseline or default future growth scenario for Wichita. Staff and Committee members discussed and debated the merits of each measure or criteria contained in the matrix. No metrics or scoring system has been developed for each measure/criteria contained in the matrix – neither has any relative weighting amongst the measures/criteria been assigned.

Richard Ranzau circulated a document he had prepared stating that 'Flexibility to Meet Future Challenges' is an important concept that should be incorporated as a "guiding principle" of the plan development process. Following lengthy discussion, the majority of Committee members agreed to add this concept as a third guiding principle column in the matrix, recognizing that government needs to understand and anticipate community development/growth challenges in partnership/tandem with market forces.

Following some discussion, the majority of Committee members agreed to leave the 'Community Risk Assessment' column and the 'Consistency with Relevant Vision Statements' column in the matrix. The majority of Committee members also agreed to leave the 'WSU Survey Results' column in the matrix, but not assign any scoring due to possible vagaries in the survey response results. The last three columns in the proposed matrix were recognized by the Committee as being essentially market-driven considerations for the purposes of scenario development.

**3. Committee Open Discussion -**

Committee members were comfortable with the next Committee meeting running a bit longer (from 4:15- 6:15 p.m.) in order to have sufficient time to begin the scenario development process.

**4. Other Business -**

None

**5. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -**

June 19, 2013, 4:15-6:15 p.m. in the MAPC Large Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall.

**6. Comments from Public Attendees -**

None

**7. Adjourned -**

5:55 p.m.